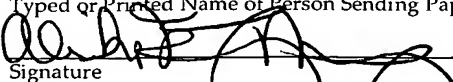




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In the Application of:)
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for: TEST STRIP SYSTEM) Group Art Unit: 1743
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
and REQUEST FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

S I R:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.114.

Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to enter the Amendment And Response To Final Office Action filed April 7, 2006.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the phone number listed below.

Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time, to June 10, 2006, for filing a response to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2006.

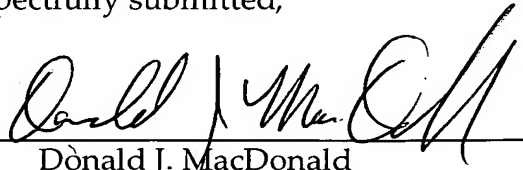
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A check in the amount of \$1,240.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a two-month extension of time and the filing fee for the Request for Continued Examination. If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0235, maintained by Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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